## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Henry J. Knott Application No.: 10/577,534

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Title: Fastener Pre-Stressing Joint

Art Unit: 3679

Examiner: Ernesto Garcia

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed December 27, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are on pages 2-6.

**Amendments to the Claims** are found on pages 7-8.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include three replacement sheets attached after page 18.

**Remarks** are found on pages 10-18.